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SUBJECT: BUSINESS VISITORS: SECURITY SITUATION IN ARGENTINA

1. OFFICIAL OF SEGBA (LARGE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT IS FACING A SERIOUS PROBLEM INVOLVING THE FAILURE OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING TO SEND A SUPERVISOR TO INSTALL COAL BURNING EQUIPMENT IN ITS PUERTO NUEVO GENERATING PLANT IN BUENOS AIRES. EMBOFF CALLED MELLOR GOODWIN, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF COMBUSTION, WHO INFORMED US THAT COMBUSTION IS HAVING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY GETTING AN INSTALLATION SUPERVISOR TO COME TO ARGENTINA BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY ADVISED MELLOR GOODWIN THAT, ALTHOUGH DECISION TO COME OR NOT IS ENTIRELY UP TO COMPNAY AND INDIVIDUAL, WE PERCEIVE NO PARTICULAR DANGER TO BUSINESS VISITORS TO ARGENTINA, APART FROM NORMAL DANGERS FOUND IN ANY BIG CITY. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT ADVISE U.S. BUSINESSMEN AGAINST VISITING ARGENTINA. WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN WHICH A VISITING BUSINESSMAN HAS BEEN ATTACKED OR THREATENED. THE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE ATTRACTED PRESS ATTENTION ABROAD HAVE INVOLVED PEOPLE LIVING IN ARGENTINA. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THIS SITUATION IS LIKELY TO CHANGE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PASSING THIS INFORMATION
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TO MR. JOHN WILLIAMSON OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, STAMFORD,

CONN. (TEL.(203)688-1911).

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